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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 3996

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, LY, SA

SUBJECT: EIGHTH ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 127902

1. ON MAY 30 WE CALLED ON FOUAD KHATIB, DIRECTOR OF ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE TRIPOLI ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE. KHATIB ADDED LITTLE TO WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY EMBASSY TRIPOLI (SAUDIS HAVE NEVER BEEN VERY OPEN IN DISCUSSING ISLAMIC AFFAIRS WITH US). MOST INTERESTING POINT TO EMERGE WAS SAUDI DILEMMA ON LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION.

2. FONMIN PRINCE SAUD HAD BEEN PLANNING TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE UNTIL LIBYA RADIO SAID UNPLEASANT THINGS ABOUT  
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THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT VIRTUALLY ON THE EVE OF THE CONFERENCE. IT WAS UNTHINKABLE THAT NO SAUDI DELEGATION ATTEND: THE SAG DID NOT WANT TO APPEAR OPENLY TO BE TAKING SIDES IN THE LIBYA-EGYPT, LIBYA-SUDAN QUARRELS AND THE SAG HAS A PROPRIETARY ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. THEY COULDN'T JUST LEAVE THE FIELD TO OTHERS. ON THE OTHER HAND THEY COULDN'T IGNORE LIBYAN INSULTS. THE ANSWER WAS TO

SEND A LARGE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE DELEGATION UNDER THE DEPUTY  
FOREIGN MINISTER, BOLSTERED BY THE PRESENCE OF THE FORMER  
JUSTICE MINISTER, AN ISLAMIC SCHOLAR AND JUDGE OF SOME  
RENOWN IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD. THIS DELEGATION WAS ABLE  
ADEQUATELY TO LOOK AFTER SAUDI INTERESTS WHILE SAUD AL  
FAISAL'S NON-ATTENDANCE PRESUMABLY GOT THE MESSAGE TO  
THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT.  
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